

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 14th March 2010

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## Theory Examination

The next theory examination for the Amateur Station Licence will be held on Wednesday, 7th July at 2pm in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers.

Information on examination fees and other details please see 'Theory Examination' in the 'Information' section of the IRTS website at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)

Intending candidates are also referred to 'Studying for the Amateur Radio Examination' in the 'Downloads' section of the website.

The latest date for receipt of applications to sit the examination is Wednesday, 23 June next but it is important to note that places at the exam are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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## IRTS 78th AGM

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society shall be hosting the 78th Irish Radio Transmitters Society A.G.M over the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April 2010.

Further details for booking trader's tables or any other info please e-mail the following Thos EI2JD at email address chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX at email address secretary /at/ ei7dar.com

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## Brendan Trophy Attempt 2010

Fred, DM8MM, plans another activity from VO1 (grid GN37) in June / July 2010. He will be well equipped on 2m and looks for possible sked partners from Ireland.

He would be happy if someone could consider a portable operation from the EI west coast. Please contact Fred via email if you are interested flichtenthaeler /at/ gmx.de

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## St. Patrick's Day Special Event Station.

The Foyle and District ARC, situated 5 miles south of Derry, have been allocated the callsign GB5SPD to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The callsign will be used over several days, from March 15th until March 17th.

While most of the contacts will be ssb, it is hoped to use digimode this year for the first time. A special QSL card has been printed for the occasion and reports from SWL's will also be most welcome. More details may be found on the qrz.com page, GB5SPD.

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### **Dromineer Castle Activation**

Members of the Galway VHF Group will be heading to Dromineer to activate Dromineer Castle on Wednesday the 17th of March. The designated number for this Castle will be EI-04-C. The Callsign for this operation will be EI4ALE/P.

These numbers are obtained from Steve, EI5DD, and are essential for claiming the CASHOTA-Ireland and UK awards. Operation will be on 80, 40 and 20 metres from 10 AM until around 3 - 4 pm.

Dromineer Castle is situated next to the Harbour on the banks of the Shannon, a popular mooring spot for the boating fraternity and an excellent spot for a picnic. Galway VHF Group member, Declan EI2GE, owns the Hostel next to the Castle and will be preparing a fine feast at the end of the day before the group heads back to Galway.

This is the first in a series of activations planned for this year.

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### **Bere Isl EU-121 Activation**

Olivier ON4EI will be activating BERE ISLAND EU-121 as EJ8GQB, his new Irish callsign (EI8GQB). This solo expedition is planned from 21st-29th March 2010.

Activity will be 160-10m SSB/RTTY. HB: Spiderbeam beam LB: 18m vertical mast top loaded + 30\*radials Rig: K3 100W

He will also make part to the CQ WPX SSB CONTEST March 27th-28th 2010.

For more details about the trip, see [www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb](http://www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb)

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### **Holiday Dxpedition**

Once again, Madeira (AF-014) is the holiday destination of the two DXpeditioners Rosel, CT9/DL3KWR, and Hardy, CT9/DL3KWF, for four weeks.

From March 11-25 they are staying in their first QTH and will then move to a second QTH with worse possibilities for antennas.

After every 10th unreplied CQ call in RTTY or PSK31 they will QSY to CW. Activities will take place every day until 1000 UTC and from 1600 UTC until midnight.

They prefer working on the WARC bands and in CW, RTTY or PSK31. Requests for paper QSLs can be sent via dl3kwr /at/ darc.de or dl3kwf /at/ darc.de or via homecalls.

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### **Wicklow Radio Club**

The Club would like to thank Paul EI5DI for the Demo on his logging software at last Week's meeting and it has been decided to enter the CW field day contest on June 5/6 so those of you interested please come forward.

Even if you don't know or operate cw it will be great to get involved in other activities, logging, antenna erection etc. The Next meeting is confirmed for wed 14th of April at 19:30 All are welcome to attend.

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### **ECHOLINK AT LOUGH ERNE RALLY**

Echolink allows licenses radio amateurs to communicate with one and other over the Internet using a mobile or static FM transceiver. Ian Morrow M1CCU will have his interesting stand at the Lough Erne Rally, on Sunday 11 April in the arena at the SHARE centre near Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh, which is WiFi enabled.

Ian's Echolink station, with a home brew VOIP interface, is near Sixmilecross in County Tyrone. Via MB7ICC, local amateurs with ordinary two meter rigs can make worldwide contacts. For more details see Ian's website [www.m1ccu.co.uk](http://www.m1ccu.co.uk)

There have been enquiries about accommodation near the Rally. SHARE is the largest residential activity centre in Ireland and has a guesthouse on site. B&B costs £22.50. For details and bookings contact celia /at/ sharevillage.org or phone 048-6772-2122.

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### **Rallies**

Lagan Valley ARS Rally 20th March

The Lagan Valley ARS Rally will be held at 11.30am in The Village Centre, Hillsborough, Co Down.

Contact: Jim Henry, GI0DVU on 048 9266 2270

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website at

[www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi)

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### **History this week**

1899 "Aspirin" patented by Felix Hoffmann

1910 Wireless Institute of Australia founded, world's first Amateur Radio society.

1917 Members of 1st Anzac Wireless Signal Squadron occupy Baghdad.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to "charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com" Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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